

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005.

Objections to Abstract

The abstract is objected to, because the abstract should describe the structure and not the process for creating the structure of the device. Accordingly, the Abstract is amended to recite a "semiconductor apparatus".

Objections to Specification

The specification is objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for claims 27-35. Accordingly, claims 27-35 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, and 6 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Bryan (US 6,544,862 B1). The Office Action states that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include limitations claimed in claim 3, while claim 3 is cancelled.

It is respectfully asserted by Applicant that all presently standing claims are now in condition for allowance.

If any fees are due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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